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Total - 78

(c) Following activities are being organized in the Sansthan:

(i) Yoga classes for sadhaks (healthy individuals);

(ii) Treatment of out-patients through Yoga therapy;

(iii) Pathological and X-ray investigation facilities;

(iv) Yogic Diet consultation;

(v) One-year Diploma Course in Yoga Studies and Two-years Diploma Course in Yoga Therapy;

(vi) Participation in health exhibitions in India and abroad;

(vii) Health Camps;

(viii) Promotion and propagation of Yoga;

(ix) Scientific and Philosophico-literary research studies in Yoga.

(d) The total area of the Sansthan is 2.818 acres.

(e) Yes.

(f) The grass and weeds are cut regularly. Recently, an annual contract has been given to a contract agency for maintenance for entire gardening/horticulture of Morarji Desai Rashtriya Yoga Sansthan, New Delhi.

PG degree from foreign countries

2692. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to allow the Indians who have earned post graduate degree from other countries, to return back and take up assignments in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether those countries have recognized the post graduate degree from Indian Medical Colleges;

(d) whether it is also a fact that MCI has raised reservations against such blanket permissions;

(e) if so, what are such reservations; and

(f) how Government propose to address such reservations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (f) The Central Government is considering a proposal in consultation with Medical Council of India to unilaterally recognize post graduate/post doctoral medical qualifications awarded in the developed countries such as United States of America, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore. This will facilitate Indian doctors with post graduate/post doctoral medical qualifications based in these 5 countries to return to India and also help meeting the shortage of medical teachers and specialist doctors in the country. It will also pave way for Indian students to pursue postgraduate/post doctoral medical qualifications in these countries, where medium of instruction is English.

Census on AIDS population

†2693. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a country-wide census to find out the exact number of persons suffering from AIDS;

(b) whether it is a fact that the figures given by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) are confusing and fictitious;

(c) if not, the details thereof;

(d) the figures of the persons suffering from AIDS namely truck drivers, students, males, females and children separately; and

(e) the number of persons died of AIDS during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Country wide census of the number of persons suffering from AIDS is not technically viable. Annual sentinel surveillance is carried to estimate trends in HIV prevalence. The 2006 estimates released recently by the National AIDS Control Organisation are based on an expanded sentinel surveillance system and use of multiple data sources including National Family Health Survey-3. As per the results of the survey the estimated prevalence is 0.36% and the number of HIV infected persons between 2 million to 3.1 million.

(d) The figures of males, females and children suffering from AIDS are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below). Separate figures for truck drivers and student are not available.

(e) The State-wise number of deaths due to AIDS as reported by the State AIDS Control Societies is given in the enclosed Statement-II

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.